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## DECLARATION OF MARK H. TUSZYNSKI, M.D.

## I, Dr. Mark H. Tuszynski, declare as follows:

I am a Professor of Neurosciences and Director of the Center for Neural Repair at the 1. University of California, San Diego (UCSD). I practice medicine as an attending neurologist at the UCSD and VA Medical Centers in La Jolla, California, and as the lead neurologist in ongoing clinical trials for treatment of Alzheimer's Disease (AD) using gene therapy in humans. I am also an inventor of the invention claimed in this US Patent Application Serial No. 09/060,543 (methods for in vivo gene therapy of neurodegenerative conditions), and in U.S. Patent No. 6,167,888 (claiming methods for ex vivo gene therapy of neurodegenerative conditions).

## Background

2. The in vivo gene therapy method which is the subject of the present patent application has been tested in non-human primates and rodents, in preparation for human clinical studies to begin later this year. The ex vivo method which is the subject of the '888 patent is already being used in clinical trials, for treatment of AD.